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Dear John,

Enclosed is the article that the Roanoke Times published as a result of your talk on the Virginia Tech campus Dec. 2.

I would like to thank you and [Redacted] for "braving the crowd" during your presentation. Although we had quite a few non-students attending who protested your visit, I believe the engineering students who listened benefited from your talk.

I hope the rest of your visits run smoothly. Also, since you mentioned that engineers can't write, I'd like to offer this observation: on the tape you gave me, "The CIA and It's People," it's should be its.

I thought you would like to know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lynn A. Nystrom".

Lynn A. Nystrom,
Director, News and External Relations

learned that construction zoning and an unsuccessful attempt to build a \$6 million to \$8 million shopping center were linked. Town officials have maintained that the two are separate issues.

At Tuesday's 4 p.m. meeting in the municipal building, no more than four residents attended and they made no public statements.

After the meeting, one of the residents who had attended the October public hearing said some of those

order to get property rezoned, he will be legally obligated to do what was promised, officials say.

Under the proposal, as part of a petition for rezoning or an amendment of the zoning district map, a property owner may offer certain conditions before a public hearing on the matter.

Herne Properties Inc., a Knoxville, Tenn., based developer, had wanted 20 acres near the intersection of

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Unspooked

CIA representatives make pitch at Tech despite some heckling

By ERIC RANDALL
Higher education writer

BLACKSBURG — A pair of Central Intelligence Agency representatives dodged heckles at Virginia Tech Tuesday as they made a low-key recruiting pitch to students.

At least 100 of 300 listeners in Whittimore Hall wore anti-CIA stickers during an hour-long presentation. A few people interrupted the speakers with angry questions, oral challenges or honks of horns.

The Student Engineers Council sponsored the talk. Students interested in hearing the speeches successfully told some hecklers to shut up.

John Chomeau, coordinator for academic affairs for the CIA, described the agency's activities:

- "Analysts" study information written or broadcast throughout the world and try to make policy recommendations based on information that is often scanty, he said.

- "Clandestine affairs" involves recruiting foreign nationals to supply the United States with information.

- "Counterintelligence" involves "catching spies" in America.

- "Covert action" involves secretly aiding foreign powers or organizations.

Chomeau declared his remarks "off the record," even though he was speaking at a public gathering. Television cameramen continued filming and at least one newspaper reporter recorded Chomeau's remarks to the audience.

Mike Levitt, an administrator in research and development for the agency, described technical careers in the CIA.

Experts in every scientific field are hired to survey world scientific literature and write reports on areas that may have a bearing on national security. Others study ways to electronically sift and analyze information, and some build James Bond gadgets, Levitt said.

A half-hour was allowed for questions, which listeners scribbled on index cards.

Chomeau promised to answer every written question but did not do so. He announced at the end of the hour that he had been called away.

"I thought you were going to read them all," someone called.

"I gotta leave," Chomeau said.

"So you lied," someone else shouted.

"This is beyond my control," Chomeau said.

"That's always your story," a heckler said.

Tech library

By ERIC RANDALL
Higher education writer

BLACKSBURG — In response to faculty pressure, Virginia Tech administrators have changed plans to reorganize holdings in Newman Library.

Paul Gherman, director of libraries, said he hopes the revised plan will satisfy engineering and science professors, who have been complaining about the reorganization.

The scientists have said the first phase of changes has splintered an efficient reference staff for science and that the relocation of certain collections forces them to run up and down stairs to do research.

Gherman now plans to keep a reference desk devoted to science technology on the fourth floor of the library. Also, current periodicals are to be moved from the first floor to the third floor of Newman.

Landfill could

By SU CLAUSON

PEARISBURG — The Giles County Board of Supervisors is going ahead with plans to construct an animal shelter at the county's Wilburn Valley landfill site, despite opposition from the proposed facility's closest neighbors.

"We're upset about noise pollution," said Amy Westmoreland. "Our closest neighbors live half a mile away. It's so quiet now we can hear the traffic out on Route 100 three miles down the road."

Westmoreland and her husband, James, estimate they live within 200 feet of the proposed shelter.

The supervisors discussed other locations for the pound, including a remote mountaintop offered by the Celanese Corp. and a lot in the county industrial park.

Cluster

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"technical flaws," including lack of adequate fire safety precautions and supply of water and sewer services.

the project's preliminary plans, saying the developers had made the suggested changes.

Concerning repeal of the cluster housing law, Snyder-Falkingham and

McCoy

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McCoy had controlled drugs with him, a police official has said.

Three misdemeanor drug possession charges